First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

http://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/2010/08/significance-of-lords-transfiguration.html

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

February 15, 2015 10:00 am

Transfiguration

An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:
NCH *(Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")*
Sing! *(Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)*
ES *(Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invitation

All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak with the Pastor or any member of the Community.

Prelude Steve McGhee

***Gathering Hymn** **"Dream God's Dream"** **120 Sing!** - Steve McGhee

Welcome Orin Brustad

Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.
We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

Announcements Orin Brustad

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ringing the Bell

***Hymn** **"Hush, Hush Somebody's Calling My Name"** **604 NCH**

Focusing Prayer (Unison) Orin Brustad

We do not know what to say,
For we are afraid.
But a cloud overshadows us,
And a voice comes to us—
"This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
Lord, we listen today!

— posted on the website of the **Newcastle Presbyterian Church**

Anthem **"Without Love"** FCC Choir

LISTENING FOR GOD

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12 Orin Brustad

Hymn **"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"** **136 NCH**

Children's Time *children are invited to come forward* Carol Hall

New Testament Reading Mark 9:2-9 Carol Hall

Reflection **"Rejoice in Hearing"** Carol Hall

***Hymn** **"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"** **403 NCH**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People Carol Hall

All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time.
Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Alternative Version Carol Hall

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

From the Aramaic

O cosmic Birther of all radiance and vibration.
Soften the ground of our being and carve out a space within us,
where your Presence can abide.
Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission.
Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desire,
endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being
needs to grow and flourish.
Untie the tangled threads of destiny that bind us,
as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes.
Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose,
but illuminate the opportunities of the present moment.
For you are the ground and the fruitful vision, the birth, power and fulfillment,
as all is gathered and made whole once again.

Some early Christian groups sought to maintain Aramaic, the language of Jesus. As early as Constantine, translations of the Lord's Prayer and other scripture appeared. You can find information at the following website: **www.thenazareneway.com/lords_prayer.htm**

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison) — Orin Brustad

Transfiguration is upon us, Lord and we ask that you help us to see the transfigurations around us. Help us to be a part of them, to rejoice in them, to be a catalyst for them. There is much to do in our world, Lord and please let it begin with me. Amen.

Offertory — Steve McGhee

*Doxology — "Take My Gifts" — 562 NCH

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!

*Prayer of Dedication *(Unison)* — Carol Hall

Most gracious, YHWH, please bless these gifts to your work in our community. Shine a light and we will respond for we are Believers who have heard your message and seen your miracles. All of this is given in the name of your Son and our Teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

***Hymn of Departure** **"Lift Every Voice and Sing"** **593 NCH**

***Benediction** Carol Hall

Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory.
Do not cling to the holy moments
when heaven overshadows you,
but as the Lord lives, listen to Christ and follow him
from the places of revelation
to the places of mission.

And may God shine the light of glory into your hearts.
May Christ be with you and never leave you.
And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
.....In the name of Christ. Amen.

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Postlude Steve McGhee

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace *Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.*

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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Volunteers	Today: Feb 15th	Next Sunday: Feb 22nd
Usher	Wayne Burling	Marty Klieno
Preaching	Carol Hall	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Orin Brustad	Tad Wysor
Worship Set-up	Donna Eyster	Margaret Harner
Acolyte	Hunter Turner	Desayre Penn
Friendship Time	Carol & Caroline	Margaret Harner
Sunday School	Tad Wysor	Anne Marie N-T

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MICHIGAN ONA COALITION MEETING: The coalition will be meeting at Edgewood UCC in East Lansing Saturday Feb. 21, 2015 at 10:00 am till Noon. This is a historic year for the LGBT communities in Michigan and around the country join us to get the latest update on the legal status of marriage equality with Regina Calcagno from Michigan for Marriage and a stimulating discussion on how Michigan's UCC churches can support and respond to these events

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir rehearsal this week will be Tuesday at 6:30 PM Come, join the fun and try it out. We have a great time. Don't need to read music or have trained voice.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's *address'*: *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and ***Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights*,** or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/WICIR .

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition,** or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition).** In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: http://www.ypsiucc.org Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913 .

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